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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Lester *et al.*

Serial No: 09/148,533

Filing Date: September 4, 1998

For: AN AUTOMATED MICROPHONE
SWITCH CONTROLLED BY A CT
COMBO

) Examiner: Harold, Jefferey F.

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Box RCE
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Advisory Action bearing a mailing date of September 25, 2002, hereinafter, "the Advisory Action", and the Office Action that bears a mailing date of May 22, 2002, hereinafter, "the Final Office Action", Applicants respectfully submit the following amendments and remarks. A Request for Continued Examination and a Petition to Extend Time to Respond by two (2) months accompany this Preliminary Amendment. Accordingly, the present response is due on October 22, 2002.

An earlier Office Action that bears a mailing date of October 4, 2001 will hereinafter be referred to as "the Earlier Non-Final Office Action".

Reconsideration is respectfully requested.